Palliative Care

A = Annotation

1
Patient presents with new or established diagnosis of a progressive, debilitating and/or potentially life-limiting illness   A

2
Imminently dying patient presents   A

3
Initiate palliative care discussion   A

4
Assessment of patient's palliative care needs and values   A

5
Physical aspects of care   A

6
Cultural aspects of care   A

7
Psychological aspects of care   A

8
Social aspects of care   A

9
Spiritual, religious and existential aspects of care   A

10
Ethical and legal aspects of care   A

11
Care of the imminently dying patient   A

12
Develop or revise palliative care plan

13
Does patient meet hospice criteria?   A   — no

yes

14
Does patient choose hospice?   — yes →

15
Hospice care team coordinates care with primary provider   A

no

16
Make palliative and/or specialty care referrals and/or consults as needed   A

17
Implement palliative care plan

18
Through periodic review, is the care plan meeting the patient's needs?   — no

yes

19
Continue with current care plan?   — yes

no

20
Remission or resolution of disease?   A   — yes →

21
Out of guideline

no

22
Death and bereavement   A